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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, WE APPROACHED FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (DEREK MARCH, ASSISTANT HEAD, FAR EAST DEPT.), OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, DEPUTY SECRETARY), AND HM TREASURY (THOMAS BURGNER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY) WITH LOW-KEY REMINDER THAT US POSITION ON ROC PARTICIPATION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR. MARCH, SPEAKING FOR HMG, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUBJECT WOULD NOT BE RAISED AND STATED THAT UKDEL WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT BACKSTAGE TO AVOID IT BEING RAISED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF ITEM PLACED ON AGENDA AND PRESSED TO A VOTE, UK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT US POSITION AND WILL VOTE AGAINST ROC.

2. FYI: WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT LAST SEPTEMBER (LONDON 11873) CHANCELLOR HEALEY TOLD FINANCIAL ATTACHE THAT UK WOULD NOT SUPPORT US ON SIMILAR ISSUE IN IMF/IBRD. IN REPLY TO FINATT'S DEMARCHE CONCERNING CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD, HEALEY STATED THAT IF ISSUE RAISED IN THAT FORUM, UK WOULD NOT SUPPORT STRATEGY OF LEAVING QUESTION IN HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. HE ADDED THAT UK HOPED ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED BUT THAT IF IT WERE UK WOULD VOTE TO EXPEL ROC.
END FYI.

3. COMMENT: FROM COMMENTS OF FCO, ODM AND HMT, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HMG POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT CHANQED. WE FEEL THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACHES BY EMBASSY WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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